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Ms. Camilla Reminsky
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: Friends of Schumer (C00346312)
Year-End Report (7/1/02 - 12/31/02)

Dear Ms. Reminsky:

This response is submitted on behalf of Friends of Schumer (the "Committee") to answer questions raised in your letter dated May 6, 2003 concerning the Committee's Year End 2002 Report (the "Year End Report"). An itemization of the Committee's response to your questions follows:

1. "Apparent Excessive Contributions" Were Obviously Not Excessive Because of Notation on Year End Report and Subsequent Itemization on April 15, 2003 Quarterly Report

In your May 6, 2003 letter, you characterized 47 contributions as "excessive" even though each of them was reported on the Year End Report with a notation that the Committee was "Seeking redesignation" of the excessive portion or that the "Refund issued subsequent period" pursuant to FEC regulations. ("A statement noting that the legality of the contribution is in question shall be included in the report noting the receipt of the contribution.") 11 C.F.R. §103.3(b)(5). A committee has 60 days to obtain a redesignation or refund the contribution. 11 CFR §110.1(b)(5). In each case, the 60-day period had not expired before the closing date of the Year End Report. Any redesignations obtained or refunds issued by the Committee after December 31, 2002 must be reported on the Committee's April 15, 2003 quarterly report. 11 C.F.R. §104.8(d)(2) and §103.3(b)(5).

The Committee followed the regulations by giving notice that it was seeking a redesignation or that it issued a refund in the subsequent reporting period on the Year End Report. On the April Quarterly Report the Committee either itemized the refund of the excessive portion of the contribution or the redesignation.